

US 95 MP 42 to Cibola Lake Road

Engineering and Environmental Study



PUBLIC MEETING

Purpose of Meeting

Welcome to the public meeting for the US Highway 95 (US 95) Milepost (MP) 42 to Cibola Lake Road project. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are conducting this public information meeting to seek public comments about possible improvements along US 95 between approximate MP 42 and Cibola Lake Road, located near MP 82. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the alternatives that are being considered for further study and, more importantly, to obtain your input.

The study limits have been revised since the first public meeting held in August 2007. Since then, the northern limits have been extended from MP 66 further north to Cibola Lake Road near MP 82, to provide a more logical terminus for the study.

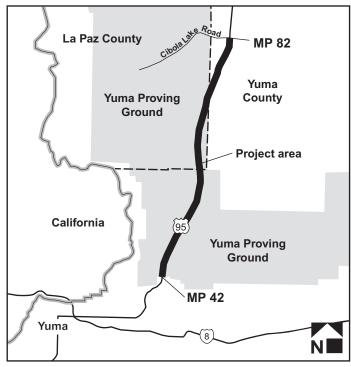
Project Background

US 95 is a two-lane roadway serving as the north-south link between Interstate 8 in Yuma and Interstate 10 in Quartzsite. US 95 functions as a trade route for commerce between Mexico and the United States. Within the study area, US 95 provides access to the YPG for commercial and military vehicles and also conveys agricultural and recreational traffic, since it provides access to Martinez and Mittry Lakes and the Colorado River and Imperial Dam recreational facilities.

This corridor experiences large increases of traffic during the winter months due to seasonal visitors and agricultural workers. Growth in the Yuma area and in YPG has steadily increased traffic along US 95. This project focuses on studies designed to address increasing regional transportation demand by studying alternatives that will increase capacity and improve operational characteristics of the US 95 roadway.

US 95 is also prone to flooding within the study area. There are several areas where water overtops the existing roadway during heavy storms, resulting in lengthy closures of US 95 until the flooding subsides and the roadway becomes passable again.

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Project area

Alternatives

A range of alternatives have been developed for the possible roadway improvements of a four-lane divided highway from MP 42 to MP 70.2. With the exception of the no build alternative, each alternative would include proposed rehabilitation of the existing pavement between MP 70.2 and Cibola Lake Road.

No Build Alternative – The No Build Alternative would include no roadway improvements, and no new roadway would be constructed.

Alternative A would provide a new four-lane divided highway with new northbound lanes being constructed to the east of the existing US 95 roadway. The existing US 95 roadway would be used for the southbound lanes.

Alternative B would provide a new four-lane divided highway with new southbound lanes being constructed to the west of the existing US 95 roadway. The existing US 95 roadway would be used for the northbound lanes.



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Alternative C would provide a new four-lane divided highway by constructing both new northbound and southbound lanes. The existing US 95 roadway from MP 42 to MP 70.2 would be removed.

Alternative D would provide a new four-lane divided highway by using a combination of the concepts from Alternative A and Alternative B. Alternative D would construct new southbound lanes west of the existing roadway and constructing new northbound lanes east of the existing roadway in different locations throughout the study limits. The existing US 95 roadway would be used for both the northbound and southbound lanes, along different corridor segments.

Schedule

After the Study Team receives your input on the alternatives, a preferred alternative will be determined and the environmental document and a design concept report will be prepared. Following the completion and approval of the environmental document and design concept report, project design and construction may commence as funding becomes available.

Study Team

ADOT and consultant representatives are available tonight to discuss the project and answer your questions. Mr. Tami Wollaston is ADOT's Project Manager from the Roadway Predesign Section; Mr. Bruce Fenske is the Development Engineer from ADOT's Yuma District; Ms. Karen Whitlock is the Environmental Planner from ADOT's Environmental Planning Group; and Ms. Lucy Shipp is the Yuma Public Involvement Officer from ADOT's Communication and Community Partnerships.

Assisting ADOT with the engineering effort is Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., with Mr. Ahmad Omais serving as their project manager. Mr. Jason Scott, with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., is responsible for the preparation of the environmental document. Representatives from the Study Team are wearing name tags so that you can easily recognize them.

Your Input

The primary objectives of this meeting are to learn about issues and concerns that you feel should be

addressed in this project, to obtain your input on the project alternatives, and to listen to your suggestions for solutions. Please take the time to put your comments in writing on the Comment Sheet, or speak with one of the Study Team members here tonight. You may leave your comments tonight or send your comments by **February 20, 2008**, to:

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The information received will be used in the development

of the potential roadway improvements. Thank you for

your participation.

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